

Montana House
(H) Education
Honorable Kristen Hansen
63rd Montana State Legislature
Capitol Building
Helena, MT

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RE: Senate Bill 14; LC0177 by request of the Office of Public Instruction
by Education and Local Government Interim Committee

Sponsor: David E. Wanzenreid

Short Title: Provide ANB Funding for 19 year olds

Good Morning Madam Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Shane Morigeau and I am here on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes support SB 14 because it will increase graduation rates for all Montanans.

The CSKT support SB 14 as it provides funding to support 19 year olds in a fifth year or in an extra semester. This allows these students to work towards completing their high school diploma. If public schools receive funding for these students they would be more willing to hang on to these youth to help them complete their high school education.

Please help increase graduation rates in Montana and support SB 14 by giving SB 14 your full support and a due pass. Thank you.

Shane Morigeau
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